CLAIM AMENDMENTS

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1-28.   (Cancelled)

29.   (**Currently Amended**)   A method for transmitting messages in a communication network, comprising:

transmitting a transmission message containing one or more useful data objects to a switching component for forwarding to a first telecommunication device[[:]]__;__

creating a plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects in the switching component as a function of one or more parameters; and

informing the first telecommunication device of the availability of [[a]] __the__ plurality of variants of the one or more useful data objects for transmission to the first telecommunication device.

30.   (**Currently Amended**)   The method according to claim [[28]] __29__, further comprising:

transmitting a delivery request message requesting a specific variant of the one or more useful data objects from the first telecommunication device to the switching component; __and__

transmitting a delivery message containing the requested variant of the one or more useful data objects from the switching component to the first telecommunication device.

31. (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim 29, wherein the step of informing the **first** telecommunication device comprises:

generating respective recipient notification messages assigned to a specific variant of the one or more useful data objects; and

transmitting the respective recipient notification messages from the switching component to the first telecommunication device.

32. (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim [[28]] **29**, wherein the parameters ~~includes~~ **include** parameters with information about the individual characteristics of the telecommunication device and in particular about applications provided on the telecommunication device.

33. (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim [[28]] **29**, wherein the parameters ~~includes~~ **include** parameters with information about the individual preferences of the recipient.

34. (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim [[28]] **29**, wherein the parameters include parameters with descriptive information, which includes the significance of useful data objects contained in the transmission message and/or the relationships between contained useful data objects.

35. (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim [[28]] **29**, wherein the transmission message is transmitted from a second telecommunication device to the switching component.

36.   (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim [[30]] <u>35</u>, wherein the transmission message, delivery request message, delivery message, and recipient notification messages are transmitted in the context of the multimedia messaging service between the first telecommunication device and the switching component and/or the second telecommunication device and the switching component.

37.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 35, wherein the messages to and from the first telecommunication device and/or the second telecommunication device are sent via an air interface.

38.   (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim [[36]] <u>35</u>, wherein the first and/or second telecommunication device comprises a radio module.

39.   (**Currently Amended**)   The method according to claim [[36]] <u>35</u>, wherein messages to and from the first and/or second telecommunication device are transmitted by means of the WAP protocol WSP and/or the hypertext transfer protocol.

40.   (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim [[38]] <u>29</u>, wherein the first telecommunication device is part of a first telecommunication network.

41.   (**Currently Amended**) The method according to claim [[39]] <u>40</u>, wherein the first telecommunication network is configured as a mobile radio network, operating according to the GSM, GPRS, EDGE, UMTS, or CDMA standard.

42.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[39]] <u>40</u> wherein the switching component is configured as part of a second telecommunication network ~~connected~~ <u>coupled</u> to the first telecommunication network, which operates under the hypertext transfer protocol.

43.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[39]] <u>42</u> , wherein the first and second telecommunication networks are ~~connected~~ <u>coupled</u> together by a WAP gateway.

44.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[37]] <u>31</u>, wherein <u>**at least one**</u> <u>**of**</u> the recipient notification ~~message~~ <u>messages</u> is transmitted to the telecommunication device by WAP push.

45.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[43]] <u>29</u>, wherein the switching component is configured as an MMS relay server.

46.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[44]] <u>31</u>, wherein the recipient notification messages, which are assigned to variants of useful data objects of a specific transmission message, comprise specific standard identification information.

47.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[44]] <u>46</u>, wherein the recipient notification messages, which are assigned to variants of useful data objects of a specific transmission message, further comprise total information, indicating the total number of recipient notification messages generated by the switching component for the variants of the one or more useful data objects of a transmission message.

48.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[46]] <u>47</u>, wherein different recipient notification messages have sequence information, which contains the sequence of the variants of the one or more useful data objects generated by the switching component.

49.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[47]] **31**, wherein the different recipient notification messages have differentiation information, which indicates whether a variant of a useful data object assigned to a respective recipient notification message is the original variant contained in the transmission message or a modified variant.

50.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 48, wherein the sequence information in the different recipient notification messages indicates which of the recipient notification messages relates to the unmodified original version of the at least one useful data object or the transmission message.

51.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[47]] **48**, wherein the identification information and/or the total information and/or the sequence information is provided under a respectively independent header field in a recipient notification message.

52.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[47]] **48**, wherein the identification information and/or the total information and/or the sequence information together is coded in a recipient notification message.

53.   (**Currently Amended**) The method to claim [[47]] **48**, wherein the identification information and/or the total information and/or the sequence information is processed by the first telecommunication device on receipt of a respective recipient notification message.

54.   (Previously Presented)   The method according to claim 52, wherein the variants for transmission by the switching component are displayed on a user interface so that a user can select one or more variants and request transmission by the switching component.

55.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the useful data objects contain text information, audio information, video information, executable programs, software modules or a combination of such information.